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## **BJJAGB Press Release - 20/06/2020**

The British Ju Jitsu Association GB has an influential role to play within the Ju Jitsu Community to bring about meaningful change and this period has rightly led us to reflect, listen, question, learn and openly discuss how to take positive action.

It is acknowledged that up to this point, we have not done enough.

It is time to confront any racism and inequality that may exist across Ju Jitsu, from grassroots participation through to the boardroom.

The latest actions of the BJJAGB:

The BJJAGB pledges its support to the Sports and Recreation Alliance “Tackling Inequality”.

Constructive work has already been started to address a number of these problems including a committed effort to increase boardroom diversity. This can only be seen as the start. We must become more inclusive. We must create opportunities which are truly accessible. We must and can do more.

We already have in place a highly qualified (EDO Equality and Diversity Officer). The BJJAGB have made the decision to escalate our efforts and have now put in place a policy



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and program ensuring that every member club and association has its own appointed EDO.

The BJJAGB will be offering FREE online training courses to all the appointed EDO's. To help us achieve this, there has to be a commitment from all of our Ju Jitsu clubs. We have to be dedicated to address other areas of inequality.

The BJJAGB welcome the news of the Sports Minister's decision to review the Sports Governance Code.